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Applicants hereby submit the attached documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), as these documents are being submitted before the first Office Action. Copies of the cited items are enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

DE3612842 discloses a reciprocating piston for use in an internal combustion engine. The piston includes an adjustable compression space. The device for adjusting the compression space includes a wall section comprising a memory alloy which automatically adjusts the compression space based upon temperature changes. The composition of the alloy also allows for reverse deformation in response to a decrease in temperature. Thus, at a low temperature the device sets a high compression ratio, and at a high temperature the device sets a low compression ratio. The positioning of a wall section of the device opposite a recess in the piston head achieves low dependent automatic control of the compression ratio and low dependent automatic adjustment of the combustion space geometry. In addition, an overall improvement of the engine efficiency and the improved introduction of the fuel consumption at a partial load are also obtained.

DE3139686 discloses an invention in piston technology designed to save fuel. Specifically, the patent teaches springs fitted between the connecting rod and the piston. This arrangement allows for compression at the lower engine speeds to be adjusted to a higher level without becoming too high in the upper speed range. As a result, a carburetor engine requires less fuel. In addition, this arrangement allows pistons to draw in fuel more efficiently and more

completely expel exhaust gases. Furthermore, the springs take up the inertia forces of the piston at the top dead center positions and subsequently release these forces as necessary. This arrangement also achieves desirable results in a fuel injected engine.

U. K. 2,318,151 teaches an engine piston and a connecting rod assembly. The assembly includes a cup shaped liner made of carbon steel. The liner is affixed inside a hollow piston manufactured from aluminum. The assembly further includes a pin fitted within an aperture located in the cylindrical carrier. The cylindrical cover has a sliding fit within a liner. A ring limits the movement of the carrier towards the crank shaft. A set of disc springs made of titanium sit intermediate the top of the carrier and the crown of the piston in order to bias the connecting rod away from the piston. Alternatively, a spring may be positioned between the ends of the connecting rod and the piston. This arrangement is such that the piston may only move in the direction of the crank pin a distance equivalent to that of the clearance height. Ignition occurs before top dead center so that the piston is at first forced inwards against the force of the springs, which increases the volume above the piston causing a reduction in pressure and temperature in the cylinder. The energy stored in the springs is released after top dead center resulting in increased efficiency and a reduction in exhaust emissions.

WO 00/77367A2 discloses a piston and connecting rod assembly for an internal combustion engine comprising a piston, a connecting rod and a spring. The connecting rod includes a first end operatively associated with the piston for movement therewith and a second end connected to a rotating output shaft. The spring acts between the piston and the connecting rod to bias the connecting rod away from the crown of the piston. The assembly is such that the spring stores energy as the spring is compressed by expanding gases from combustion occurring during the ignition stroke. This energy is substantially equal to the energy returned during the subsequent power stroke.

WO 96/34190 A1 relates to a method of operating an internal combustion engine during the combustion process. The process makes it possible to brake the increase of gas pressure at the beginning of combustion. The increase in gas pressure is partially replaced by a lengthened

substantially isobaric process, i.e., a process in which the combustion pressure remains substantially steady. In this way, the combustion rate and the variable volume of the combustion chamber can be optimally synchronized to improve the engine operation.

DE1823140 was cited by the International Examiner as being relative to claim 1. The Examiner placed this patent in Category A, meaning that the patent defined the general state of the art, but is not considered to be particular relevance. In doing so, the Examiner cited page 2, line 1 through line 9 and referenced Figure 1.

DE3021093 shows a cylindrical arrangement showing a main portion and a secondary portion 5, assisted by spring 6. The secondary portion 5 is movable between the position of Figures 1 and 2.

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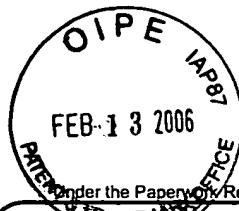
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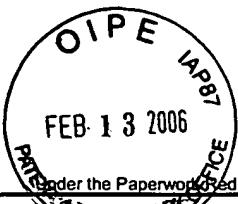
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